

BOARD OF APPEALS
AUGUST 11, 2015 - 4:00 P.M.

Members Present: Glenn Highum, Mike Kastens, Bob Pierson, and Sarah Mellerud.

Member Absent: Bernard Peterson

Others Present: Tanya Reigel, Dan Licht, Beth Thompson, Bump and Lynn Peterson, Damon Peterson, Jeff Peterson, Arne Skatrud, and Jim Remington.

The meeting of the Board of Appeals was called to order by Glenn Highum.

Roll call was taken.

Mike Kastens moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Bob Pierson and carried.

Mike Kastens moved to approve the minutes from the previous Board of Appeals meeting on July 21, 2014, seconded by Bob Pierson and carried.

Glenn Highum declared the Public Hearing open to consider the following:

- a) A Petition from Milton Peterson Jr. for a Special Exception/Variance from the Extra-Territorial Plat Approval Requirements as set out in Section 121-35. Property is located at 1702 170th Street, New Richmond

Dan Licht explained the request for variance as outlined in the memo from TPC dated July 27, 2015. The proposal is to divide a 37 acre parcel in two lots, one 29.5 acres and the other 7.5 acres. The current zoning ordinance prohibits this. The recommendation from staff is that the request does not meet the criteria established by Section 121-31.D.1 of the Zoning Ordinance for approval of a variance. Considerable discussion followed.

The Public Hearing was declared closed. Glenn Highum moved to approve the request from Milton Peterson Jr. for variance from Section 121-35.D.2 of the Zoning Ordinance based the following findings:

- The US Fish and Wildlife Service owns extensive areas of property west of the subject site that creates a barrier for future urban expansion making it unlikely the subject site would develop with urban uses in the future.
- The physical characteristics of the property are such that a majority of the subject site is tree cover and/or floodplain and not utilized for agricultural purposes.

Motion was seconded by Bob Pierson and carried.

Bob Pierson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Mellerud and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Tanya Reigel
City Clerk